

Examiner's Amendment

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The Examiner has changed the title of invention from "Recording method and recording apparatus" to --RECORDING METHOD AND RECORDING APPARATUS ^{APPARATUS}

THAT LIMITS NUMBER OF REWRITES TO THE SAME STORAGE AREA-- to more

closely reflect the claimed invention. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312.

To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

PART I

THE EXAMINER'S EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATION

SECTION A

RELEVANT ART CITED BY THE EXAMINER

1. U. S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0016841 A1 to Karasudani describes File system.
2. U. S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0219980 A1 to Kase et al. describes Data recording and reproducing apparatus, data recording and reproducing method and recording medium.

SECTION B

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES RECITED IN THE CLAIMS

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance See **MPEP 1302.14**

3. The primary reasons for allowance of independent claims 1-2 in the instant application is the combination with the inclusion of the following limitations: **(a)**